

21 Regent's Park London SW.
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My dear Gray

I thank you very much for your note of March 10 - and for the interest - you are so good as to take in the little Commission for Wright. You ought to have had in return some satisfactory information about Griffiths works. I wrote to Dr R. the day I got your letter - and I have since endeavoured to obtain a reply - but then seems to be very unexplained hitch with their books. I. however verbally assured me the other day that I might rely upon his doing his best to make your set complete.

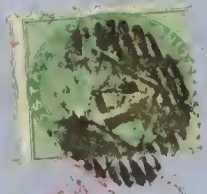
I entirely accept your commission
to render about Cuba. It is a point
of honour with me to do all I can
to work up this difficult order; &
for the present I am sticking to the
Indian species in order that H.
L.S. may know what they have
collected. After that I want to resume
Tolia & *Orhidacea* - but it is very slow
work, every new species requiring
to be analyzed & re-analyzed, in order
to avoid the many errors which
every body inevitably falls into with
these difficult things - myself very far
from being excepted.

Your Manual de has come quite
safely - and they receive my great
praise - altho' I can't agree with your
estimate of the wood cuts - excellent
as they are
I am looking out dried plants for you
but it is very slow work - for I have
hardly any time, am not
myself, and can't work
by candlelight as formerly.

Pray believe me
Yours very truly

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